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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF U.S. STATEMENT MADE AT CLOSING SESSION OF
UNCTAD 15TH TDB ON SUBJECT OF CONSENSUS ON BROAD POLICY AREAS FOR
CONSIDERATION AT UNCTAD IV: QUOTE:

"MR. PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION IS HAPPY TO PARTICI-
PATE IN THE CONSENSUS WE HAVE REACHED ON THE LIST OF SELECTED
BROAD POLICY AREAS CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENT BEFORE US (TD/B/L-
425). THIS LIST WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS LOOK-
ING TOWARD THE FINALIZATION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE
FOURTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE AT THE SECOND PART
OF THE FIFTEENTH SESSION.

"DURING THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING THE LIST OF BROAD POLICY AREAS,
ALMOST ALL DELEGATIONS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THEIR TIME TOGETHER TO
EXCHANGE IDEAS AND INDICATE SOME SPECIFIC ISSUES THEY WOULD LIKE
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CONSIDERED UNDER THE VARIOUS TOPIC HEADINGS ON THE LIST AT THE

FOURTH CONFERENCE. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT WE ALL COULD NOT AGREE COMPLETELY ON SPECIFIC ISSUES; IS IS STILL 8 MONTHS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE MEETS IN NAIROBI AND AUGUST IS A LITTLE SOON TO MAKE DEFINITIVE JUDGMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED NEXT MAY. IT IS EVEN LESS SURPRISING THAT VARIOUS OF US WOULD HAVE PREFERRED OUR OWN LANGUAGE AS INDICATIONS, RATHER THAN THAT APPEARING UNDER EACH TOPIC HEADING OF THE LIST; SUCH SPECIFIC ISSUES ARE COMPLEX AND EACH OF OUR COUNTRIES WILL HAVE ITS OWN WAY OF EXPRESSING ITS VIEWPOINT AND OF PROMOTING ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS.

"MR. PRESIDENT, IT WOULD NOT SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE AS THIS LATE HOUR IN OUR MEETING TO DETAIL OUR DIFFERENCES WITH SPECIFIC FORMULATIONS.

"SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT WE NOW INTEND TO TAKE STOCK BACK IN WASHINGTON AND FURTHER DEVELOP OUR VIEWS ON THE CONDUCT AND ROLE OF THE FOURTH CONFERENCE AND ON THE SPECIFIC ISSUES WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED ON THE SELECTIVE ACTION-ORIENTED AGENDA CHAMPIONED BY OUR ABLE SECRETARY-GENERAL. WE HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY FORTUNATE AT THIS MEETING NOT ONLY TO HAVE HAD THE PERSONAL PARTICIPATION AND VALUABLE OBSERVATIONS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, BUT ALSO TO HAVE HAD THE LEADERSHIP AND CONSIDERED GUIDANCE OF OUR DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT, AMBASSADOR KENNETH DADZIE, WHOSE PERFORMANCE IN THAT OFFICE AS EXCEEDED THE HIGH EXPECTATIONS ALL DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED IN HIS ABILITIES WHEN CONGRATULATING HIM UPON ASSUMING OFFICE.

"MR. PRESIDENT, LET ME CONCLUDE BY EXPRESSING OUR DELEGATION'S APPRECIATION AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THE CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE WHICH HAS PREVAILED AT THIS SESSION. WE FEEL THAT THE OPEN, CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT WITH WHICH ALL DELEGATIONS HERE APPROACHED THE TASKS BEFORE THEM HAS ENABLED US ALL TO HAVE A HIGHLY USEFUL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND VIEWPOINTS. OUR WORK HAS BEEN VERY PRODUCTIVE. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IF THIS SAME SPIRIT PREVAILS AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH IS NOW ALMOST UPON US, AND IF IT GUIDES THE FUTURE DELIBERATIONS OF THIS BOARD AND THE FOURTH CONFERENCE, IMPORTANT PROGRESS WILL BE ACHIEVED IN RESOLVING THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS IN THE FIELD OF TRADE, DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION." END QUOTEDALE
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